

MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 1917.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland met at the office of the Governor in the Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on April 11th, 1917. Present: Governor Emerson C. Harrington; Comptroller Hugh A. McMullen and Treasurer John M. Dennis.

The minutes of the Meeting of March 30th, 1917 were read and approved.

Mr. John M. Dennis reported the value of the wharf property Pier 8 Light Street, Baltimore, was around \$800. per front foot. He stated that in his opinion ~~that~~ the rental value of said property was around ~~\$465.~~ ^{14000-15000.00} per annum subject to the use of said wharf by the State for tobacco shipping purposes. Mr. Dennis thinks that the lease should be made for a short term not exceeding one year. Upon motion the Governor was authorized to take the matter up with the Railway Company and make the best terms possible. Motion carried.

Comptroller McMullen moved that Governor Harrington be requested to draft and transmit to Hon. A. P. Gorman, Jr., Chairman of the State Tax Commission, a Resolution relating to the Baltimore & Ohio Taxation matter.

The following letter from Mr. George Weems Williams, dated April 5, 1917, relating to the erection of a brass tablet in the State House at Annapolis, containing the names of the 800 men who volunteered for service in the United States Navy, was read and on motion the Board granted permission and approved the plan. The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Williams by letter.

(Copy)

Baltimore, Md. April 5, 1917.

To His Excellency, Hon. Emerson C. Harrington,
Governor of Maryland, Annapolis, Md.
Dear Governor Harrington:

As you may have seen in the public press a committee of citizens has been formed to assist the Federal Government in obtaining the proper quota of naval recruits for Maryland. Maryland's quota is 800 men.

When the Committee organized for this purpose it was decided that in order to stimulate recruiting it was proper and advisable to announce that a bronze tablet with the names of the first 800 would be erected in an appropriate place as an evidence of the appreciation of the patriotism of the first 800 recruits.

A sub-committee for the erection of this tablet was appointed, of which Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs is Chairman. We had a meeting this afternoon and it was unanimously decided that the tablet should be erected in the State House in Annapolis, as the recruits will come from all over the State.

I was requested to write to you to ask if permission

would be granted for the erection of this tablet in the State House. We would like to know just as promptly as possible as we desire to make a public announcement as to the location of the tablet as soon as we can.

Yours very truly,

George Weems Williams.

Moved that the bill of Pollack's for \$24.50 for window shades in the Executive Offices in the Union Trust Building, Baltimore, be paid from the Contingent Fund of the Board. Motion carried.

The Board took up for consideration the feasibility of putting on a ferry from Annapolis to Claiborne. Mr. Frank W. Seth and Chairman W. Thomas Kemp and William H. Killian, of the State Conservation Commission appeared before the Board to furnish information in relation thereto.

The feasibility of using one of the State Steamers was considered. Several other boats were considered for use as a ferry-boat on this route and the report of Mr. Seth on the estimated cost in this connection, was read. (Report filed in 1917 "Subject File. No. 5").

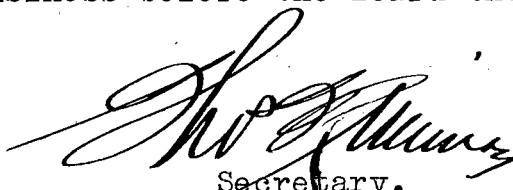
After discussion further consideration of the matter was deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

The Secretary of the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing appeared before the Board in relation to the bill for rent rendered the Board by the Builders Exchange Building.

Ordered that the cost of \$6.50 in the case of Mullin vs State Roads Commission be paid out of the Contingent fund of the Board..

The Attorney General reported that Mr. John Pleasants, Clerk of the Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City, was ready to pay \$11,000. to make good the shortage in said office to December 1st, 1915, and the Attorney General was authorized to accept settlement of the same. Mr. Pleasants stated that he wants to reimburse the State in the further sum of \$872.06 for the shortage he finds in his accounts since December 1st 1915. The Board desires the latter verified by the State Auditor before accepting settlement of said sum.

There being no further business before the Board the same adjourned.


Secretary.